

**ASK AMY****Your Insight Into The TBI Fund**

*Dear Amy:*

*I filled out an application for my son, Daniel, and sent it in to your office. What happens next?*

*- Bridget from Piscataway*

Dear Bridget,

Once our office receives your application, we will send you a letter requesting medical documentation of your son's brain injury. After we receive that information, the Fund will send a case manager to meet with you and your son. The case manager will listen to your requests, discuss which needs may be met through the TBI Fund, and may also make referrals to other programs for which your son may be eligible.

After meeting with you, the case manager will create a support plan for your son that will include all the requests that the Fund can consider, and this plan will be reviewed by the TBI Fund Review Committee. The Review Committee meets once every other

month. I will present your requests to the Committee and they will make a determination. You will be notified by mail of the outcome; we do not give decisions over the telephone.

If you have any further questions about the TBI Fund, please call either myself or Traci Johnson, program assistant, at (888) 285-3036.

-Amy

*Amy Soppet is the manager of the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund. She is a certified social worker who has worked with people who have acquired brain injury for several years. Ms. Soppet has a background in cognitive therapy and disability advocacy.*

*If you have a question you would like to Ask Amy, please write to her at:*

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